

## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



# **Quality Suites & Sleep Inn**



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentallyfriendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, Virginia Green encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.



### **Quality Suites & Sleep Inn**

"Two hotel complex with 234 rooms and meeting space"

**Green Statement:** We went green "to help the environment".



## **CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging**

"I" This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Quality Suites & Sleep Inn can expect the following practices:

- Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
  - Change linens only upon request
  - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
  - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
  - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
  - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries
  - Track overall waste bills
  - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
  - Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
  - Donate excess food from events
  - Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
  - Do not use Styrofoam
  - When disposable containers are used, they are make from recycled content material
  - Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
  - Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
  - Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use "green" cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall water usage and wastewater
  - Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
  - Have:
    - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
    - low flow toilets
  - Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:
  - Track overall energy bills
  - Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
  - Use LED Exit Signs
  - Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
  - Have individual thermostats for each room/area
  - Use natural lighting
  - Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
  - Purchase "Green Tags" or "Renewable Energy Certificates" to support new
- Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
  - Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
  - Provide recycling bins, no disposables used, use bulk water

For more information on Quality Suites & Sleep Inn, see <a href="www.choicehotels.com/va-055">www.choicehotels.com/va-055</a> and <a href="www.choicehotels.com/va-055">va-059</a> or contact Kathy Studwell at <a href="kstudwell@aol.com">kstudwell@aol.com</a> or 757-461-6251.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see <a href="https://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging">www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging</a> or go to <a href="https://www.virginiagreentravel.org">www.virginiagreentravel.org</a>.



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